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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restriction

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

- I. Claims 1-9, drawn to a network rack, classified in class 211, subclass 026.
- II. Claims 10-16, drawn to a network rack, classified in class 211, subclass 026.
- III. Claims 17 and 18, drawn to a network rack, classified in class 211, subclass 026.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I and II are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, invention I has separate utility such as use without the specifics of the posts. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

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Inventions II and III are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, invention II has separate utility such as use without a cutout and invention III has separate utility such as use without the specifics of the posts. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for Group II is not required for Groups I and III, restriction for examination purposes as

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indicated is proper. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the

search required for Group III is not required for Group I and II, restriction for examination

purposes as indicated is proper.

Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an

election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR

1.143).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the

examiner should be directed to Jennifer E. Novosad whose telephone number is (703)-305-2872.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday, 5:30am-4:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

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